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# Ludlow High School Class of 2020 commemorated with Senior Wall



The LHS Senior Wall created by Christina Desmarteau and signed by Ludlow's Class of 2020.

By Anne Marie Corrieri Correspondent

LUDLOW - As Ludlow High School prepares for a nontraditional graduation, one community member found a very unique and creative way to symbolize the connection uniting the LHS Class of 2020 during this difficult time.

Like many, as a nonessential worker, Ludlow resident

Christina Desmarteau found herself at home completing many projects that have been on a to-do list for years. As one of those projects came to fruition her thoughts drifted to the LHS seniors and how she and her family could honor them.

"I've wanted to paint the Ludlow lion on the shed in our yard for a while," said Desmarteau. "When the lion was completed, we painted the fence next to it, but it felt lopsided and empty. It needed something- that's when I had the idea of the Ludlow High School seniors signing it!"

Desmarteau noted it has been a family project with her father taking on the role as carpenter/landscaper, her husband and son (a 9th grader at LHS) helping to paint, and her mother helping to gather and plant the flowers around the sign.

"We live in a highly visible location so I thought it might make them feel less forgotten about or passed by if everyone saw their names," continued Desmarteau. "I emailed Mrs. Nemeth (LHS principal) and she was so very enthusiastic and helpful; coordinating the safe arrival of students to sign

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## **New members** elected to **Board of Public Works**

By Elise Linscott elinscott@turley.com

LUDLOW - Unofficial results from the June 1st Annual Iown Election saw two incumbents on the Board of Public Works ousted by newcomers, while residents voted down a proposed new track and field project.

Ballot Question 1 asked if the Town should be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and a half for the amounts required to pay for a bond issued in order to design and construct a replacement track, football and baseball fields at Ludlow High School. That question received 899 'Yes' votes and 1,311 'No' votes, according to unofficial results from the town clerk's office on June 1st shortly before

Also on the ballot were two contested municipal races. For a single seat on the Recreation Commission, incumbent Jason C. Martins beat newcomer

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# Ludlow High School holds parade for graduating seniors



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTO BY JONAH SNOWDEN

Ludlow High School seniors and families make their way into the LHS parking lot.

By Jonah Snowden jsnowden@turley.com

LUDLOW - To support the graduating seniors of Ludlow High School, who are unable to have a traditional graduation this year because of COVID-19 and physical distancing measures, staff and faculty held a congratulatory parade on the evening of May

The parade took place in the parking lot of the high school, where staff and faculty stood in between parked cars and waved at each student who drove through. The seniors and

their families were led by officer Jason Chelo who escorted them down Sportsmans Road, then onto Chapin Street, ending at Paul R. Baird Middle School.

'The best part was just to see them smile," said Ludlow High School principal Lisa Nemeth. "I haven't seen a lot of smiles from our seniors at all, even when they were coming in to clean out their lockers or pick up their graduation gowns - it's kind of been solemn. Today was the first time I saw them happy and smiling and together as a class."

Nemeth said original-

ly, May 28th was supposed to be the seniors' official graduation day, which was to take place at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Mullins Center. The Ludlow Police Department, class officers, class advisors, and the Ludlow Board of Health also helped put the parade together, Nemeth said.

"Knowing that we weren't able to assemble as an entire class, we wanted to do something for the class on their graduation

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## Town of Ludlow weekly update

LUDLOW - As of May 29th, we safety. Thank you. have approximately 114 positive cases of COVID-19 virus. According to our Board of Health, we have no new positive cases to report since our last update from this past Tuesday's Board of Selectmen's meeting. Also, a thank you to Linda Livingston, Joan Haluch, Linda Gamache, Suzanne Woytych, Irene Hite, and Beverly Feicha for your generous donations of masks and/or materials to make masks going towards our "Free Mask Drive" set for the near future.

On behalf of the entire Board of Selectmen, it's my pleasure to announce the appointment of our Town's new Chief of Police - Daniel J. Valadas who took his post effective on Thursday, May 28th, 2020. Congratulations Chief Vala-

From the Town Clerk's Office: A reminder that the Annual Town Election is this coming Monday, June 1st. The polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. We ask that you wear a mask or face covering when entering the building and while voting in consideration of the poll workers and all voters. We are taking necessary precautions for everyone's

Governor Baker made some announcements today relative to the opening of restaurants in Phase Two of the "Re-Opening of the Commonwealth" plan. Since no dates have been provided yet, we encourage you to listen to the Governor and Lt. Governor's message or view the announcements on www.mass.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our High School Senior Class of 2020. I was able to stand out with my fellow CARES Coalition members yesterday and watch the parade of proud graduates drive by as we applauded them. We all know it's been a tough close of your final High School year, yet you have handled it with grace, patience, and maturity. Your parents, teachers, coaches, and administrators have done an outstanding job to make it as memorable as possible under these difficult circumstances. I wish you all great success and happiness in your future endeavors.

God Bless and Take Care of Each Other,

Derek G. DeBarge Chairman, Board of Selectmen



It has been three months since our doors were open. I try and see the positives during this time. We have met so many new folks through our Grab and Go program. I sincerely hope all of you that are "new" visit us once we can reopen. Thank you all that come to pick up lunch. It makes my day to see your smiling faces and know that you are okay!

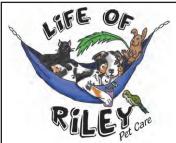
We will continue Grab and Go until we can once again have meals inside the building. We are going to start and have some fun lunches as well. In June, we will have our Birthday lunch and St. Patty's Day since we missed it in March. I am truly sorry for those of you that cannot participate in the lunch program. It was a difficult decision to have only those that drive participate. But if we allow people to walk up, it puts you and the staff at risk as social distancing would be difficult. We are always thinking of those of you at home and we have some special events planned for you as well. Bear with us as we still do not have a full staff.

If you would like one of our new SeniorStrong signs for your yard, call us at 583-3564 and leave your name and address. We are super excited to let everyone know that we are SeniorStrong and Stronger than ever!

Jodi Zepke, Director

## Grab and Go Menu

June 4: Chicken Patty Sandwich June 9: Stuffed Shells June 11: Cobb Salad **June 16:** Baked Pork Chops (Birthday lunch)



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# Hampden County Sheriff's Office reports 12 active COVID-19 cases

LUDLOW- Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi announced on June 1st that following COVID-19 testing of everyone in custody at the Main Institution in Ludlow, the infection rate is just 2 percent of the population, with only 12 active cases out of the 614 people tested.

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, there have been 592,853 COVID-19 tests performed with 96,965, or 16 percent coming back positive.

"We didn't just get lucky to have such a low percentage of infection among the people in our care. These results came because of a strict, medically advised protocol, and we are very proud but not surprised at the success that has been yielded from our proven infectious disease control system," Sheriff Cocchi said in a statement. "We had a few people refuse to take COVID-19 tests, which complicates things, but that is their right. We will have to treat those cases as presumptive positives and place them in a medical quarantine status until they are medically cleared and can no longer potentially spread the virus if they are indeed infected. But with just ten people refusing to be tested, we have a solid grasp on how small this cluster of back to business as we were.

As a result of the testing and subsequent results, the lockdown procedures enacted on May 25 have been reviewed and modified to begin a phased return to normal operations. Some housing units are already back to normal and the department anticipates all privileges in place before the lockdown will be restored within a couple of days.

Sheriff Cocchi said as part of the department's effort to test all people in custody, the medical staff will next conduct comprehensive testing at the Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Facility in Chicopee.

Since the onset of the pandemic, and ahead of CDC guidance, the Hampden County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) has been operating under some of the strictest protocols in the Commonwealth. The department made wearing masks mandatory early on, and completely reorganized the way it does business to limit the number of people coming into contact with the people in its custody, according to the HCSO.

infected. But with just ten people refusing to be tested, we have a solid grasp on how small this cluster of positives was and we will soon be

for at least 14 days. These units are not locked down but are managed with medical oversight to best mitigate any spread of the virus.

As of June 1st, the department has had a total of 13 inmates who have tested positive for COVID-19, including 12 active cases. One inmate's case has run its course and the person is now healthy again. There are four staff members currently positive for COVID-19 and 12 staff members who previously tested positive but have since recovered and been medically cleared to return to work.

The department had zero sentenced inmates test positive prior to the 12 current, but had one regional safe-keep, which is a temporary detention for a local police department, arrive positive. That individual was kept in isolation for the entirety of his stay, which ended up being less than six hours total.

The HCSO also had a Section 35 civil commitment client, which is a court-ordered substance use disorder treatment patient, arrive positive for COVID-19. That individual is still getting his addiction-related programming and treatment in a setting that limits the chances of spreading COVID-19 to the other men in the program.

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## Public safety alert

# Recent increase in motor vehicle thefts and break-ins

Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and the Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to his office are reporting an increase in motor vehicle thefts and break-ins over the past few months. Several recent incidents are connected to groups of individuals who travel into the area during the overnight hours, park in a neighborhood and walk around on foot looking for unlocked vehicles. The offenders check for unlocked cars and steal any valuables located inside. If the thieves find that keys

or key fobs were left behind in the car, they may steal the car as well. Many of the vehicles stolen in the past few months are being recovered in the Hartford area. Recent reports of these types of breaks have been reported in East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, West Springfield, and Ludlow.

The vast majority of vehicle thefts and break-ins can be prevented by taking three common-sense steps to make your car a much less appealing target:

- (1) Lock your vehicle when it is unattended and overnight
- (2) Never leaves keys or key fobs in your vehicle, even in your
- own driveway
  (3) Remove valuables or

keep them out of sight to thieves

Thieves look for opportunities. Make them "work" for it, and they will most likely forget it and move on to an easier target. Additional steps such as motion activated lights, security cameras, and car alarms can be helpful at deterring thieves.

## Be alert for signs of car thieves:

If you see suspicious activity or suspicious people checking parked cars in your neighborhood in the middle of the night, call your local police department and report it. Every tip may be helpful to investigators. Taking these few basic precautions can help ensure that your summer isn't ruined by the headache of a stolen car.



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# Urgent need for blood donations

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REGION — The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donations to prevent another blood shortage as hospitals resume surgical procedures and patient treatments that were temporarily paused earlier this spring in response to the COVID-19 pandem-

Healthy individuals who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate in the weeks and months ahead by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting Red-CrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa

In recent weeks, hospital demand for blood products has grown by 30% after sharply declining in early April amid this rapidly changing and complex public health crisis. At the same time, blood drives continue to be canceled as many businesses and community organizations remain closed. Donors are needed to make and keep scheduled appointments to help meet the current need.

All those who come to give through May 31 will receive a special Red Cross T-shirt by mail, while supplies last. And thanks to Amazon, all those who come to give June 1-30 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.\*

"Blood donors have played a vital role in the lives of patients who have needed lifesaving transfusions during this pandemic, and patients continue to depend on donors each and every day," said Paul Sullivan, senior vice president, Red Cross Blood Services. "The Red Cross appreciates the support of those who rolled up a sleeve to give in recent months, but the need

doesn't stop. We need the public's help to avoid another blood shortage this summer."

It's important to remember that red blood cells must be transfused within 42 days of donation and platelets within just five days. So, they must constantly be replenished. There is no known end date in this fight against coronavirus, and the Red Cross urgently needs the help of donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are readily available for patients.

#### **Blood drive safety precautions**

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions - including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff - have been implemented to ensure the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities, May 27-June 15:

#### **Springfield:**

6/3/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 7 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

6/4/2020: 12 p.m. - 7 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

6/5/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

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field Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

6/8/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 7 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

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6/12/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

6/13/2020: 8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

6/14/2020: 8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

6/15/2020: 11:45 a.m. - 7 p.m., Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive

## About blood donation

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

## **About the American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

## INDIAN **ORCHARD**

## **Indian Orchard** community recognizes and thanks frontline essential workers

INDIAN ORCHARD - Members of the Indian Orchard Community came together to thank those who have been on the frontlines helping the community get through the COVID-19 pandem-

The community raised money to buy lawn signs which will be placed throughout Indian Orchard, according to a press release. Lifelong Indian Orchard resident Pat Voisine also partnered up with her City Councilor to donate a huge banner which was unveiled May 27th at Myrtle Street Park.

"Pat Voisine is a prime example of what the Indian Orchard community is all about" said Ward 8 Councilor Orlando Ramos. "She's always looking for ways to give back and recognize those who are making a difference in our community."

The President of the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, Zaida Govan, helped raise money for the lawnsigns.

"Indian Orchard is a diverse community that works hard and is determined to stay safe" said Govan. "We so appreciate our essential workers at this and we want to show them our appreciation. Thank you, Miss Pat and Councilor Ramos for this grand gesture. The IOCC received some very generous donations to buy the purple lawn signs that you will be seeing all over the Orchard."

Purple is the official color of Indian

A very small group (less than ten) Indian Orchard residents went to Myrtle Street Park for the unveiling while practicing social distancing.

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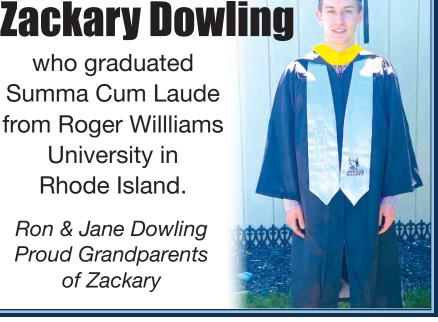












## MMWEC receives additional funding for MLP Solar Rebate Program

LUDLOW - The partnership between the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), the joint action agency for municipal utilities in Massachusetts, and the state Department of Energy Resources (DOER) will continue with round two of funding for the Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Solar Rebate

The MLP Solar Rebate Program, created by MMWEC and the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts (MEAM) originally launched in May 2019. Through the program, the DOER and participating MLPs offer rebates of \$1.20 per watt (split evenly between the two), up to 50 percent of the total project costs on solar installations of 25 kilowatts or less. Individual MLPs also have the option to include additional project criteria.

In total, MMWEC has been awarded \$372,200 from the DOER as part of the second round of funding, which will be allocated to its participating MLPs to fund the rebate program. Applications for solar project rebates will be accepted through December 30, 2020 or until funds are exhausted.

Phase one of the MLP Solar Rebate Program was a success. The DOER awarded MMWEC \$772,000 to disperse among its MLPs. In total, 93 solar installation project applications were approved in MMWEC Member MLP communities in the first year. Those projects will generate more than 700 kilowatts of clean, renewable solar capacity for the Commonwealth.

MMWEC Member MLPs that are participating in the MLP Solar Rebate Program include utilities in Ashburnham, Boylston, Chicopee, Groton, Holden, Ipswich, Mansfield, Marblehead, Paxton, Peabody, Princeton, Shrewsbury, Sterling, South Hadley, Templeton, Wakefield, and West Boylston.

"MMWEC is pleased to continue its momentum with phase two of the rebate program and work with the DOER to help the Commonwealth reach its renewable goals, while assisting residents with installing solar on their homes," said MMWEC CEO Ronald C. DeCurzio.

Once approved, eligible projects must be completed within one calendar year. Interested customers first need approval from their participating MLP and once granted, can visit www.munihelps.org to fill out an application.

MMWEC is a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, created by an Act of the General Assembly in 1975 and authorized to issue debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned municipal utilities.

## **SENIOR WALL** from Page 1

their names."

After devising a safe and workable schedule, Nemeth contacted all 2020 class members sharing Desmarteau's kind and generous offer. The schedule quickly filled up with eager seniors ready to make their mark on "their" senior wall.

To ensure proper safety, Desmarteau left a marker by the board; sanitizing it after each student proudly signed their

'Students were all polite, respectful, and appreciative. They made me so proud to be able to do something small for them," said a joyful Desmarteau.

"This is so amazing," said Nemeth. "Mrs. Desmarteau has been so gracious and generous and I am so grateful that she welcomed seniors to sign their names. The community overall has been so supportive of our Class of 2020."

Class members echoed their principal's sentiments.

"This is a very heartfelt gesture supporting our senior class and how we are feeling during this time. It shows us our accomplishments matter. I am very grateful to have this memory," shared Carlie Smith, LHS class of 2020.

"I felt a sense of camaraderie between my classmates and myself," said Michael



### LHS seniors Chantz McClean and Sedona Walker.

Morgado after signing the senior wall. "This wall symbolizes our strength to remain united even during these extraordinary circumstances.'

"Many people slow down and honk or give us a wave of approval as they drive by our house," shared Desmarteau. "We live at 57 Fuller Street, at the end of Cherry Street, in case anyone would like to drive

"We're happy to congratulate the class of 2020 this way," said Desmarteau, as she fondly looked at the wall covered in senior signatures. "Who knows- maybe this class will be the pioneers of a new Ludlow High School graduation tradition."



LHS senior Jacob Koziol.



LHS senior Sierra Rodrigues.



LHS senior Carson Kowalski signs his



LHS senior Genivieve Bailey-Hanson.



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## BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM **2020—2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2020—2021 school year:

Grade K	8	Grade 7	10
Grade 1	6	Grade 8	7
Grade 4	2	Grade 9	10
Grade 6	6	Grade 10	10

The Belchertown Public Schools combine innovation and tradition to provide positive educational experiences for all of our students through quality programs, dynamic teaching and healthy relationships.

The deadline for submitting a complete application packet which includes all required documents is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020.

The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing when the number of requests exceeds the number of available spaces. There will be two drawings for this purpose. The first will take place on June 29, 2020, and in the event of unexpected additional openings, a second will be conducted on August 13, 2020.

The application and guidelines can be downloaded at www.belchertownps. org or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

The Belchertown School District does not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation or ancestry, athletic performance, physical handicap, special need, academic performance, disability or proficiency in the English language in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

## OPINION

## **GUEST COLUMN**

## Geese, goslings and ganders



Coombs

Goose Nursery inated in long ago times and in the faraway lands of England, Scotland and the USA. However, every spring and fall, a reminder of those Mother Goose moments appears in a waterfowl sky-writing. Their flock's V-forma-

tion, along with vivid visuals and honking as they fly together, and then land near a marsh, a lake, and on well-mowed, grassy

Once upon a month ago, several Canadian geese families flew, landed and began hovering over their securely nestled nests on the edges of a nearby thriving marsh. And, so with the springtime arrival of a modern-day version of Mr. Gander and Mum Goose and the gosling nursery time grew from incubation to fuzz-frosted fledglings in about four weeks.

With a clear view of her surroundings, our resident Mum Goose found a safe site from predators. She designed a nest from plants and moss with im-peck-able skill. Soft down and feathers lined her shoreline nursery where she laid about eight, offwhite eggs. Over the next 30-days, she incubated her eggs nestling and daily turning them, Mr. Gander stood on stretched-neckwatch duty guarding her and her nested eggs closely.

And, yes, as a Geese and Gosling nursery story should tell, it's a cozy, snuggleand-settle-in family story. In it we read that Mr. Gander and Mum Goose are life-long mates. Using their parenting skills together, they lead and teach the fledglings how to walk, eat, and "peep-talk" while feeding and grooming the grounds for fresh grass, and easy-to-eat foods.

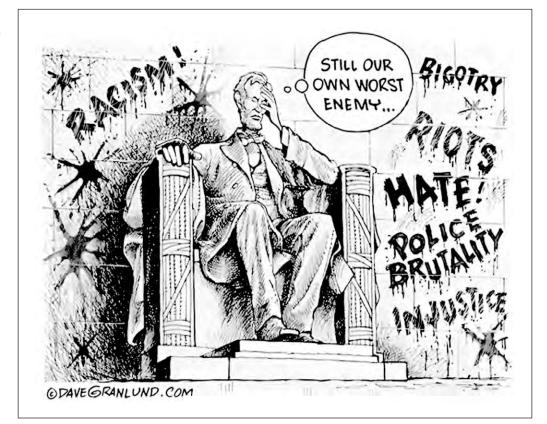
Quite naturally through the following months, the goslings learn to swim and fly under their parent's watchful eye. And, by the time a return flight to a warmer climate happens in late fall, they are all able to join in a return V-formation flight to their original homeland.

Yet, not only can we learn lessons from the land-living lifestyle of Mr. Gander, Mum Goose and their traditional family values, but even their annual spring and fall flight patterns show us all timely valuable, team-spirit lessons.

Briefly, all evidence shows that when Geese migrate they follow a leader in a V-pattern. Each consecutive goose flies to the right or left of the leader, flapping their wings on sustaining, upward currents. They trust their leader. And, yet within the power of the flock, a rotation pattern can take place. Also, when one goose becomes unable to fly, several will depart and fly down to earth to be with it. When well again, they can rejoin a flock or make their own flight pattern. Trust is an important part of the flock's direction and success. And, if you've watched geese in their annual spring and fall, V-flight patterns, you've no doubt heard the honking joy of their journeys to-

Perhaps the older Ganders and Mum Geese are following the young ones in their first long-distance flight and cheering them on? Maybe a few young ones fly to earth to accompany, help and be with Grandpa Gander and Grand Mum Goose when their wings get tired? I can imagine that happening as one of the grandest nursery stories on God's good earth along with adventures and observations of some of nature's most beautiful creatures.

And, that's how the Geese, the goslings, (and not forgetting the gander "of examining things closely") lived happily in ever-after



## **GUEST COLUMN**

## Keep a constant supply of bush beans coming

ush beans are a good example of a vegetable that works well as a succession crop. What that means is that they can be sown multiple times throughout the summer. Why? Because unlike most other vegetables, beans produce less than eight weeks from sowing, are not finicky about heat and as long as you have full sun and average garden soil, they can be grown with relative ease. Consider

making additional sowings of this versatile vegetable now before you get busy with the harvest. That way you can enjoy a continuous supply all summer long.

You might still refer to snap or bush beans as "string beans" even though the tough strings that connected the two halves of the pod were bred out of the snap bean beginning in 1884 with Calvin N. Keeney's introduction of the stringless refugee wax bean. Today's modern stringless beans are a result of those early breeding efforts.

All types of beans require warm soil in which to germinate; 60 degrees at least, hence the few plants from that early sowing. My sowing on Memorial Day is just starting to poke through the soil. Did you know that white-seeded varieties are especially picky about soil temperatures? Black and tan seeds regulate moisture intake more effectively, and therefore are less likely to rot in cool, wet soils. If you want to gamble with an early sowing, sow these instead. Usually by May 20, the ground is warm enough to sow all types of beans. Succession plantings can be made every 10 days through July 30. After that it is unlikely that plants will produce a viable crop before frost hits.

Rather than sowing bean seeds in rows, I make good use of garden space by planting them in a four-foot wide block. Anything wider than four feet would make it difficult to reach in among the plants to harvest. If soil has been turned over or rototilled first it is easy to simply place the bean seeds on top of the soil four inches apart and push them into the ground with your index finger, up to the first knuckle. Pat the surface of the soil with your palm



Roberta McQuaid Columnist

to firm, and water well. Germination will take place in a week to 10 days.

It is good practice not to work among the plants after a rainstorm or in the early morning when dew is present. Touching wet foliage can encourage diseases and spread them from plant to plant. When the foliage is dry you will want to be on the look out for the Mexican bean beetle. A bit larger than ladybugs,

and all brown, these pests and their fuzzy yellow larvae can decimate a stand of bean plants. Vigilance is the key. If squashing bugs isn't for you, dropping them into soapy water will also do them in. Try planting marigolds nearby to deter them. I have also found through experience that subsequent sowings are best sited away from one another. It will take the beetles a longer time to find the new plants than if they are planted side by side.

Harvest beans when they are still relatively thin. Depending on the variety, pods can average five to seven inches long at maturity. When inner seeds start to swell and fatten up the bean they aren't nearly as tasty. As mentioned, bumper crops are possible, and sometimes it may be difficult to keep up with the harvest. One variety known especially for its holding power is Jade. Beans from this variety retain a deep green color and sport thin pods. I have also enjoyed growing French beans "Haricot Verts" because they are very long and thin, never tough.

Fresh beans are easy to freeze. Blanch in boiling water for three minutes then plunge into ice water until cooled. Air-dry thoroughly, pack in plastic bags, and place in the freezer.

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## **GUEST COLUMN**

## Just follow the white blazes

By Julie Midura

Tom and I had been planning this backpacking trip for six months – a 51mile hike through the entire state of Connecticut on the Appalachian Trail. We're known as 'section hikers,' which means that we're attempting to complete as much of the approximately 2,200 miles of the A.T. as possible by doing it in sections, one state at a time. We backpacked through the 90 miles of trail in Massachusetts last June, and we plan to hike the 150 miles of Vermont in September. The Connecticut section would take us



Courtesy photos

An early morning brook crossing.

four days to complete. In an effort to hike responsibly during the pandemic, Tom and I altered our plans by changing the start day of our hike to the Wednesday before the Memorial Day holiday in order to avoid the weekend crowds. We also added to our essential gear list an item that we never could have imagined we'd need prior to Covid-19... a face

In preparation for our journey, we trained locally at Facing Rock Wilderness area in our hometown of Ludlow, as well as at the Seven Sisters of the Holyoke Range. Since we carry significantly more equipment on a backpacking trip than we do on a day hike, we gradually added more and more weight to our backpacks in the weeks prior to our trip in an effort to strengthen our bodies and prevent injury.

We completed one final overnight shakedown hike just days before our hike on the A.T. For non-hikers, a shakedown hike is an overnight hike that you take prior to a longer backpacking trip to test out not only your equipment, but the processes that are involved in using that equipment. This 'practice' hike basically allows you to work out the kinks. (Additionally, if you plan on backpacking with a partner, a shakedown hike will ensure that the two of you can survive multiple nights in a cramped tent without strangling each other!)

While I'd love to say that our final



13-mile shakedown hike went without a hitch, I'd be lying. I heard nothing but whining about sore neck and shoulder muscles for the last two miles of the hike... until Tom asked me to please stop complaining. I then reminded him that I was carrying 33 pounds in my backpack, while he was carrying a mere 30 pounds. I'm not very proficient in math, but that is the equivalent of me carrying 70% of my body weight while he carried just 10% of his. Actually, that might be a slight exaggeration; it was more like 62% versus 14%. Okay.... WHATEVER IT WAS... I was still carrying a heavier pack, and I'm a GIRL for Pete's sake! In all seriousness, Tom was suffering from extensor tendinitis in his right foot from overuse, so I insisted that he limit

the weight load in his pack while his foot healed. In spite of his injury, we averaged two miles per hour on our training hikes, which is very good for us considering how much additional weight we were carrying in our 50-liter backpacks. However, the elevation gain in Connecticut would be more than what we encountered on our training hikes. Throw in a mountain or four each day and we'll probably be moving slower than a student getting his homework done during the Pandemic.

So, there you have it. With our final shakedown hike complete, we were ready to tackle the Connecticut section of the Appalachian Trail!

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## **ELECTION** from Page 1

Harry V. Mills, with 1,414 votes to Mills' 762.

There were four candidates for two seats on the Board of Public Works. Newcomers Daniel F. Soares and Stephen E. Santos won with 1,362 and 1,571 votes, respectively. Incumbents Thomas Haluch and Guilherme F. Rodrigues received 872 and 661 votes.

On the Ludlow Open Facebook forum prior to the elections, residents urged each other to "get out and vote." Some also complained that the Board of Public Works (BPW) had been run with a "business as usual"

"This Town needs a drastic overhaul and it needs to start with the BPW," one resident wrote on May 30th

Some also vocally opposed Question 1, using the hashtag #wepayenoughtaxes.

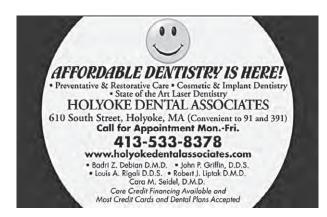
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## Cynthia Harris of Ludlow inducted into National Technical Honor Society

Practical Nursing Academy of Charlton's National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) would have held its induction ceremony at Homecoming on Nurses' Week, but due to school closure and social-distancing orders, the first ever, touch less, NTHS Induction was held at Douglas Orchard and Farm.

Cynthia Harris of Ludlow was among the PN Class of 2020 NTHS Inductees. Harris invested wisely into her future. Her NTHS membership goes far beyond receiving a certificate, but a lifetime of recognition. NTHS is the nation's acknowledged leader in recognition of Career and Technical Education students. The NTHS is a prestigious club. NTHS members are outstanding in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. For nursing students NTHS membership also means excellence

LUDLOW - The Bay Path RVTHS in clinical practice. Inductees must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Inductees were also recommended by the Practical Nursing faculty and were scored on volunteer/community service, leadership, and character.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's NTHS Chapter 3994 held its first ever touch-less, self-induction ceremony, May 23, 2020 at Douglas Orchard and Farm amidst the beautiful apple blossoms. Traditionally hosted at the Bay Path Campus in Charlton by the NTHS Advisor and Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, she coordinated the outdoor event with Student Representative and NTHS Inductee, Aja Johnson of Springfield, and Aaron Socrat, Property Manager of Douglas Farm and Orchard. The NTHS induction and pinning ceremony was attended by the inductees and their families and observant of CDC guidelines. Faculty and staff in attendance included Professor Cheryl Cahill of Oxford, Professor Lindsay Guertin and Professor Jason Guertin, both of Spencer. The NTHS induction and pinning ceremony was streamed on Facebook live for community members, on the Academy's page @BayPathPracticalNursing2015.

Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, said "The Academy has been physically closed since March 13, we had successfully transitioned to remote learning. But we have only seen each other or our students virtually. The stars aligned and we were determined to make this even happen. It helped that Superintendent, John Lafleche had given us guidance and that Douglas Farm and Orchard was open and accommodating." Further, Bolandrina stated "Nursing education is ing curriculum is accelerated and rigorous. To make it through nursing school, qualify for honor society, amidst the pandemic, these are outstanding accomplishments that are inspiring and must be recognized."

Ten practical nursing students were recognized during the ceremony. The inductees achieved high honors, demonstrated leadership and exceptional skill development, and had a positive impact in the community. The inductees are Rachel Carlisle of Oxford, Michelle Elicier of Worcester, Cynthia Harris of Ludlow, Aja Johnson of Springfield, JoAnn Milford of Woodstock, Conn., Genshire Maura of Webster, Barbara Owusu of Worcester, Yaitzarie Rodriguez of Millbury, Fjolla Shehu of Worcester, and Chelsea Still of Plainfield, Conn.

# Parkside Early Learning Center finds a way to celebrate the end of an unprecedented year

LUDLOW – Parkside Early Learning Center will host a Reverse Parade for children and families to celebrate the school year and wish the kindergarten bound families well. The COVID-19 pandemic closed the program on March 16, 2020. However, teachers and staff have been continuing to provide virtual services to families during this time.

A Reverse Parade has been organized to say farewell to the children for the summer and to acknowledge all of the learning that took place this school year. Staff will line the school parking lot with signs and decorated cars while parents of preschoolers form a steady line of vehicles and pass through the reverse parade. This is a safe opportunity for children to see their teachers as the school year comes to

Event Details: Parkside Reverse Parade Thursday June 4, 2020 1:00 PM

Parkside parking lot Parkside Early Learning Center

54 Winsor Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start, Inc. has a long history of providing high quality early education and support services to children and families in the community.

## **SENIOR PARADE** from Page 1

day," said Nemeth. "When we left on March 13th we didn't really say goodbye; we thought we were coming back." Regarding the parade and getting to see her students again, Nemeth said she was happy that she and other staff and faculty could still celebrate them reaching this milestone.

Ludlow's graduation this year will be held from June 8 - 11th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Ludlow High School. To maintain physical distancing, graduates and their families will be entering the auditorium every ten minutes; Pomp and Circumstance will play while the graduate's name is called onstage, and each will be able to turn their tassel.



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# Adult baseball still hopeful for some type of 2020 season

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

EASTHAMPTON - Baseball leagues have dwindled a bit, limiting choices for collegiate stars, adult standouts from the Tri-County League, and high school players and post-graduates who lost out on American Legion seasons.

While there are no known alternative options for the younger players, there is an emerging look for adult players 25 and above.

At least four leagues have not called it quits on a 2020 season, all with the flexibility to hold their seasons later and even play into the fall.

However, even with governor's re-open plan, it is not fully clear when teams in the leagues will be able to begin play, though many are hopeful it will be sometime this month.

Phase 2, known as "Cautious," is supposed to allow teams to begin practicing. Phase 2 is supposed to start on Monday, June 8. However, each phase has had sub-phases with different activities and businesses opening up each week since the re-open plan began on Monday, May 18.

Also, different communities will take different approaches to opening recreational facilities, making the availability of fields also limited.

Adult players, some of whom are Tri-County American or National players, have begun looking at the various leagues for open spots to play, or even to possibly enter teams.

The Western Mass. Wood Bat League is currently an eightteam league that has been in existence for many years. It allows



With several leagues shutting down play for the season, adults summer leagues may be the only alternative for some players.

players who are age 25 and up and could be a potential landing spot for several Tri-County players with the higher level of competition and the use of wooden The other three leagues look-

ing into restarts are "over-30" leagues. All three have existed for a while, though two of the leagues have changed their eligibility for players this year.

The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League has changed to allow players 28 and up, though pitchers may not pitch in the league until they are 30. The Quabbin Valley league has also

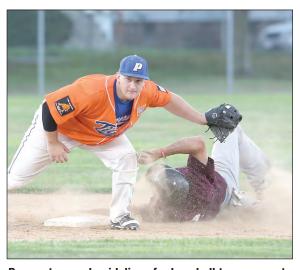
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Under the governor's re-open plan, baseball may be able to return in late June or early July.



Four adult leagues in Western Mass. are still hoping to play baseball in 2020.



Parameters and guidelines for baseball to resume at the local level have not been released by the state government.

## PVSSL awaiting guidance, will delay start of season

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

LUDLOW - After three months of waiting, the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League could be one of the first leagues to have actual games starting early next month.

Diana Kolodziey, runs the PVSSL along with her husband Chris, said earlier this week they are planning to hold a regular season and playoffs, with a slightly modified schedule.

"Based on the governor's re-opening plan," she said. "We are hoping to start the season sometime in early July."

That start will not be without questions, issues, and a lot of guidance from the state lev-

Under Gov. Charlie Baker's re-open plan, the four main phases are: Start, Cautious, Vigilant, and the New Normal.

The New Normal, until a vaccine is discovered, will still involve restrictions for people, and could have a whole new meaning for sports. But according to the Baker plan, the second phase would allow for practices to begin at various fields throughout the region.

Games should be able to begin in the third phase, vigilant. However, the guidance and regulations for businesses and activities have yet to be made public by the Baker administra-

Kolodziey they are waiting for that guidance from the governor's office so it can inform teams of how they must conduct themselves.

Restrictions could include social distancing when not directly involved in the game, possible temperature checks, wearing masks when not in the field of play, and disallowing fans from games.

Modifications of these rules could also be possible. In the case of soccer, fans could possibly be allowed if they are on the opposite end of the field and fans are properly distanced from one another, like in the case of people going to the beach, which are now open.

The other major issue the PVSSL will have to watch closely is each town and how the individual communities and cities lift restrictions on field use, allowing games, and gatherings of various sizes.

Currently, certain professional sports are only allowing players to practice in smaller

Finally, Kolodziey said the early July start to the season is dependent on there being no setbacks in the governor's re-opening plan where restrictions would have to be

re-enacted. As of press time, Massachusetts has not had any setbacks on the re-open plan and numbers have continued to trend in a positive direction.

Under the current timeline, Phase 3 should start on June 29.

With the currently timeline, if the league does play, it would and transition right into the fall preseason practices. However, it also remains to be seen if those will start on time and what they will look like.

For up-to-date information on the state of the PVSSL, go to www.pvsummersoccerleague.com.

The PVSSL has two divisions each of high school boys soccer, and high school girls soccer. There are also mens and womens adult leagues. All are expected to play if there are no further delays or restrictions that will prevent the season from happening.

## 2020 Bay State **Summer Games** events cancelled through July

REGION - All Bay State Games events originally scheduled for May 30 through July 26 will be cancelled in consideration for the health and well-being of all athletes, officials, coaches, medical staff, and volunteers. The challenges and uncertainty that COVID-19 has presented prevent the organization from appropriately planning, organizing, and producing events in 30 different sports this

This summer, Bay State Games was set to celebrate its 39th annual Summer Games. Due to multiple venue cancella-

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## Senior athletes being featured

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen vour senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring's season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

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adopted the same rule.

Both leagues would have normally started Sunday games the last week of April. Both league are eyeing starts sometime in early July based on how the governor's guidance for Phase 3 dictates a return to actual competition.

The Pioneer Valley Over-30 Baseball League is also still on the table. The Pioneer Valley League is also a wooden bat league, but normally plays Saturdays and Tuesdays

The Quabbin League held a meeting Sunday, and is hoping for the July start, and the league's president said it is depending on what fields would allow play and allow it soonest.

None of the leagues have decided how long of a season it would play or what type of modified schedule it would have.

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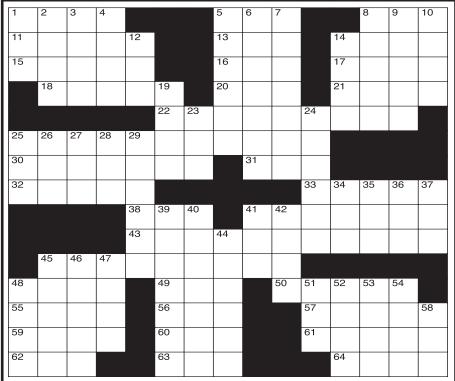
tions, the inability to conduct team sport tryouts in June, decisions by sport governing bodies to suspend competitions, medical committee concerns, as well as other factors, the Summer Games will not be able to proceed as scheduled.

"We are committed to the health and well-being of our constituents. It is of the utmost importance to keep everyone safe during these unprecedented times," says Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. "While this was a very difficult decision, we believe it is appropriate given the unprecedented impact this pandemic has had

on everyone, as well as our ability to produce events this year"

Bay State Games remains hopeful that some events may proceed in the fall if and when it is safe to do so. Sport pages on the Bay State Games website will be updated with information as it becomes available. All athletes who have registered for the 2020 Summer Games will be refunded for their registration fee. If the sport you wish to compete in can be held in the fall of 2020, it will require a new registration.

For more information, please visit www.baystategames.org. Please direct all questions and inquiries to info@baystate-



## **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Swiss shoe company 5. \_\_ Caesar, comedian
- 8. \_\_ and flow
- 11. Horsefly
- 13. Egyptian pharaoh
- 14. African nation 15. Tony-winning actress
- 16. Initial public offering
- 17. Long-winding ridge
- 18. Guinea peoples
- 20. Fellow 21. About aviation
- 22. Able to make amends
- 25. Easy to perceive
- 30. Cut off
- 31. Northeast Thai language
- 32. Earthy pigment
- 33. Water nymphs
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Those who deal 43. Apply a new fabric
- 45. Confusions
- - - 4. Muslim military commanders

- 48. "To his own" 49. Lowest point of a ridge between two
- peaks 50. Heavy cavalry sword 55. Partner to pain
- 56. A type of savings account
- 57. In a way, felt pain 59. Wide-beamed sailing dinahy
- 60. Consume 61. Jewish spiritual leader 23.
- 62. Body part 63. Midway between
- south and southeast 64. Cheek
- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity residue 3. Central American lizard 28. Company that rings

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 16** 

- 5. One who takes to the seas Select jury
- 7. Parts of the small intestine
- 8. Painter's accessory 9. Honk 10. Ballpoint pen
- 12. Large, dark antelope 14. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 19. Exhausts \_\_-bo: exercise system
- 24. Not written in any key or mode 25. Chinese principle
- underlying the universe 26. Corpuscle count
- (abbr.) 27. Powdery, post-burning
- receipts

- 29. Rugged mountain range
- 34. Commercials 35. NY football player
- 36. A form of be 37. Soviet Socialist
- Republic 39. Kindnesses 40. Natural electrical
- phenomenons 41. Your
- 42. Diana \_\_, singer 44. Upper surface of the mouth
- 45. National capital 46. Fluid in Greek mythology
- 47. Renowned jazz trumpeter 48. Freedom from
- difficulty 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice 53. Actor Idris 54. Revolutionaries
- 58. Criticize

## **MIDURA** from Page 7

After weeks of anticipation, Tom and I were finally standing on the Appalachian Trail at the New York/Connecticut border. We exchanged a kiss, said a prayer, and took the first of well over one hundred thousand steps north, in the direction of Massachusetts.

We hiked nine hours on our first day over multiple hills and mountains before searching for a place to call home for the night. Setting up our tent and going through our evening routine is always a welcome relief after an exhausting day on the trail. We work together on getting the tent up, blowing up our sleep pads, and organizing our gear. Once our "home" is in order, Tom prepares our freeze-dried meal on the Jetboil stove while I go in search of a sturdy limb to hang the bear bag.

Dinner is the highlight of the evening. We sit on a large boulder or downed tree trunk while eating hot food, talking about the day, and watching the sun begin its descent from the sky. After dinner, we attempt to wash the dirt and sweat off of our bodies with baby wipes and water and slip into clean clothes to sleep in. We are in our sleeping bags by 8 o'clock. We spend a little time reviewing our map for the following day, pray Psalm 23 aloud, and are asleep by 'hiker midnight,' which is 9 p.m.

We awoke early on our first morning on the trail to what I can only describe as paradise as I opened the flap of our tent and saw the bright orange-yellow glow of the sun through the trees as it began to rise above the horizon. Our morning routine involves praying, pulling on our often-times damp clothes from the day before, returning all of our equipment into our backpacks, eating breakfast, and brushing our teeth. When we step back on the trail, there is a spring in our step since we're filled with anticipation for what the day will bring.

The A.T. is not only a tunnel of trees. We passed through meadows and farm fields, walked along roads into towns, crossed bridges over rivers, and sauntered alongside streams and waterfalls. We encountered wildlife of every kind, including several snakes (one of which was a five-foot Black Rat snake), a black bear, and three deer. We hiked anywhere between nine and eleven miles each day and saw beauty around every curve in the trail.

Now more than ever before, our days in the forest became an escape from the uncertainty that exists not only in our world, but also within ourselves. The internal anxiety, worry, stress, sadness... call it whatever you will... that has infiltrated our minds and our lives like a plague over the past two months immediately dissipated as we took our first steps on the white blazed Appalachian Trail. And as the steps

added up to miles, the miles provided us with discovery and inspiration and fulfillment. We did not speak, or even THINK about Covid-19 as we followed the two-inch-wide by six-inch-tall markers that are painted on trees, poles, bridges, stop signs, rocks and fences. For four days, we just followed the white blazes. Our sole purpose day after day after day became walking. And walk we did... for 51 miles.

We enjoyed 51 miles of absolute freedom and liberation. Freedom from the overwhelming infiltration of Covid news everywhere we turn. We literally walked away from darkness and into the light of peace and restoration. For four days, we lived among the trees, and the earth provided us with everything we needed for our spirits to soar. It is my sincerest hope that nature does the same for each and every one of you.

As always, it wouldn't be a backpacking trip without my:

## LESSONS AND INSIGHTS-

- 1) Since we had already hiked the 90-mile section of Massachusetts last summer over the course of eight days, we assumed that the 51-mile Connecticut section would be a breeze. However, that was BEFORE we realized that Connecticut just crammed all of the hills and mountains into 51 miles, rather than spreading it out over 91 miles.
- 2) Of the 51 miles of trail in Connecticut, 10 are flat, 15 go down, and 1,267 go UP. Yes, that's what is known as A.T. math.
- 3) Speaking of torture, the mountains in Connecticut don't have switchbacks. They're more like 'spiral AROUNDS.' I think the trail creators wanted hikers to be able to appreciate the approach to the summit from EV-ERY direction.
- 4) Every time a trail starts to descend, ALWAYS assume that it will begin to go up again, and you won't be disappointed.
- 5) Which is fine, because although a defibrillator is too heavy to carry while backpacking, I did teach Tom CPR before our trip so that he could revive me when I went into cardiac arrest.
- 6) On a positive note, the sound of my heart exploding out of my chest took my mind off of the pain in my
- 7) Birdsong is beautiful... especially
- at 4 a.m. 8) No need to set a wakeup alarm in the woods... a woodpecker will inevitably choose the tree closest to your tent to look for his breakfast.
- 9) Who needs more than three hours of sleep while backpacking anyway?
- 10) We must have lost our minds somewhere along the way, because when we crossed into our home state of Massachusetts on the fourth day, we

wanted to keep walking. And THAT, my friends, is what backpacking is all about! Peace, and hike on friends!

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## **OBITUARIES**

# DEATH NOTICES

Boucher, Rose A. (Perkowski) Died May 28, 2020 All services are private Kapinos Mazur

> Funeral Home Lawrence, W. Lucille

Died February 14, 2020 All services are private Kapinos Mazur Funeral Home

Pasquini, Robert Died May 21, 2020 Visitation was May 28, 2020 Ludlow Funeral Home

St. Aubin, Robert J. Died May 24, 2020 Services at a later date Beers & Story Funeral Home

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## Rose A. (Perkowski) Boucher, 88

LUDLOW - Rose A. (Perkowski) Boucher, 88, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Daughter of the late Frank and Jennie (Kopyzinski) Perkowski, she was born in Ludlow on October 6,

1931. A lifelong resident, she was a graduate of Ludlow High School. Rose went on to work at Mass Mutual for many years, retiring as the Assistant Director of Accounting Services. She was a communicant of St. Elizabeth's Parish.

Rose is survived by her son Roger Boucher and his wife Lorraine of Ludlow as well as her brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Joanne Perkowski of Stuart FL and Hampton Beach, NH. She also leaves her three beloved grandchildren, Matthew, of Lancaster, CA, Ryan



of Ludlow and Carolyn of Simsbury, CT. She will be fondly missed by her nieces, Lori, Cheri and Beth, and her nephew, Bobby and their spouses. Rose truly loved and spoiled her family, including the canine members. She enjoyed

her trips to the casino with her good friend and neighbor, Judy Watts. Sadly, she was predeceased by her husband Richard A. Boucher in 2017. Her brother, Frank Perkowski, passed away in 1984.

All services are private. Donations in Rose's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St, Suite 250, Framingham, MA 01701 or www.cancer.org. Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

## Robert Pasquini, 84

LUDLOW - Robert Pasquini, 84, of Ludlow was called home to be with God on Thursday May 21, 2020. Born and raised in Ludlow to the late Quinto and Lena (Vivier) Pasquini, he was a graduate of Ludlow

High School, attended Springfield College and served in the U.S. Naval Reserves. At Ludlow High School, Bob achieved several school records in football and holds the Western Massachusetts record of eight touchdowns in a single week. He was truly honored to be elected into the Ludlow High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013. Bob worked at Friendly Ice Cream Corp. for over 30 years and during this time was also a "call firefighter" for the Town of Ludlow. Bob volunteered his time as Head Usher at the former St. Mary of the Assumption church. Bob was a true gentleman and a kind, kind person. He will be truly missed by his loving family and friends. He leaves his beloved wife of 61 years Doris (Lyndon) Pasquini of Ludlow; cherished daughters Suzanne Cristina and her husband Thomas of Suffield, CT, Karen Kunis of Tampa, FL and Cynthia Pas-



quini of Ludlow. Bob was so very proud of his two grandsons Michael Cristina of Westport, CT and Gregory Cristina of Norwalk, CT. He also leaves his caring brother Richard Pasquini and his wife DuAnne of Ludlow; sister-in-law Elizabeth

Pasquini of Chicopee; and several nephews. Sadly, Bob was predeceased by his brothers Raymond and Ronald. Bob was able to continue enjoying life's fun times in recent years with the help of his family, friends and special caregivers Lori, Tracey and Megan. Bob's funeral arrangements are entrusted to Ludlow Funeral Home. A public walk through visitation was held on Thursday May 28, from 10:00am-11:30am at the Funeral Home, adhering to State and Local guidelines in regards to no contact, social distancing and PPE. Following the walk through, all are welcome to attend the service at St. Aloysius Cemetery where Bob will be laid to rest. In lieu of flowers, it is the wish of Bob's family that donations be made in his memory to: Beat Parkinson's Today or St. John the Baptist School. For additional information please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com

## W. Lucille Lawrence, 88

DAVENPORT, FL - W. Lucille Lawrence, 88, of Davenport, FL passed away peacefully on February 14, 2020. Daughter of the late Walter and Winifred (Ney) Mourninghan, she was born June 5, 1931 in Providence, RI. "Lucy" as she was

known to her friends, was married for 67 years to her late husband Byron (Bill), who passed away in 2018. When they started their married life, Bill was in the Navy. Because of that, they traveled extensively throughout their lives, living in Rhode Island, Maryland, Tennessee, Florida, and California before settling in Ludlow in 1969 after Bill retired from the Navy. There, she worked for Valmont



Co. for many years before they retired to Florida in 1994. She is survived by her daughter Cynthia Johnston and her husband Bill of Davenport, FL., son Walter Lawrence and his wife Kathryn of Ludlow. She

also leaves her beloved grandchildren David Lawrence and his wife Diana; Douglas Lawrence, and her great-grandson Byron. Lucy was a communicant of the former St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish in Ludlow.

All services are private. Donations in Lucy's memory may be made to St. Elizabeth Parish. For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

## Robert J. St. Aubin, 59

LUDLOW - Robert J. St. Aubin, 59, passed away May 24, 2020 at home surrounded by his family. He was born on December 3, 1960 in Springfield, MA to Arthur and Madeleine (Paquette) St. Aubin. He was raised

in Springfield and has resided in Ludlow for 33 years. Robert was employed by Martin Brower for over 19 years as a truck driver making deliveries to McDonald's. Bob enjoyed the outdoors, he was an avid golfer, enjoyed fishing plus tinkering around the house and on his toys. He also loved riding his Indian motorcycle with his friends and nephews and partaking in charity motorcycle events. Above all he loved spending time with his kids and grandchildren. He is survived



by three daughters, Cassie St. Aubin and husband Jose Claudio of Ludlow, Fallon St. Aubin of Holyoke and Amanda St. Aubin of Ludlow. He also leaves a brother, Richard St. Aubin of Cape Cod, five grandchildren, Karissa

Cropanese, Alicia Rivera, Ava Rivera, Julianna Claudio and Ella Taudal, and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Linda Nareau. Due to the current situation the family will be scheduling calling hours at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holyoke Soldiers' Home. Although he was not a veteran this was a cause that was dear to his heart. For more information please visit www.beersandstory.com.

## **NEWS & FEATURES**

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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## DATEBOOK

## **ONGOING**

THE MICHAEL J. DIAS FOUNDATION sponsors a support group for families and friends whose loved one is affected by an alcohol/substance use disorder. The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Healthsouth, 222 State St., Ludlow. All are welcome! If you have any questions, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmass-relics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 343 Winsor St., Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

## **EVENTS**

Editor's note: As towns, schools and clubs continue to assess the threat posed by coronavirus, many are making the decision to cancel or postpone their public events, often with little notice.

The Register will inform readers about cancellations when known and when the newspaper's weekly deadline will permit, but readers should be aware of the possibility that events featured in the printed newspaper, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar

## MassMutual and WNE School of Law team up to help small businesses and nonprofits

SPRINGFIELD – Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (Mass-Mutual) and Western New England University (WNE) School of Law's Center for Social Justice have joined the COVID Relief Coalition of law firms, nonprofits, and government agencies to provide small business owners and non-profit organizations with pro bono (free) legal support.

Through the Coalition, members of MassMutual's Law Department, assisted by WNE School of Law Small Business Clinic alumni and students, will provide legal guidance to help small businesses and nonprofits understand the requirements to receive and, if eligible, access loans through the Federal Government's Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) as well as to help identify other potential sources of relief in the western part of the Commonwealth, primarily in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden counties.

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## **TRIPS**

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant. natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

"GHOST OF A CHANCE" at The Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Rhode Island. A Victorian-era tragedy is re-enacted in a supposedly haunted house. Package includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet luncheon, Playhouse Comedy Show, a Cabaret Show (two shows), meal taxes and gratuities. Buffet menu includes lettuce bowl, potato salad, beets and onion salad, three-bean salad, bbq ribs, sausage and peppers, roasted chicken, baked ham, baked beans, sweet potatoes, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Cost

\$102 per person and payment is due Sept. 21. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

For more information on any of the above trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich Gosciminski, 149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

9 TO 5 MUSICAL The Catholic Woman's Club of the Diocese of Springfield invites area residents to join the club for a bus trip to see "9 to 5 The Musical" by Dolly Parton, at the Westchester-Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The bus leaves the Big Y parking lot in Ludlow at 7:30 a.m. and. returns about 7:30 p.m. Attendees can choose their lunch entree off the menu. Tickets are \$100 and seating is assigned as checks are received. The deadline for payment is June 20. Call Ruth at 413-531-3506 for more information.

SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY - Dec. 3-7, 2020

Four days at Westin Hotel on the city's Riverwalk, illuminated for the holidays. Also, city tour, river cruise, Mexican Marketplace, Alamo, Mission San José, LBJ Ranch, German community of Fredericksburg decorated for Christmas, Museum of the Pacific War and more. \$2,149 pp doubles includes air, taxes, luggage handling, and transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

#### POLANIE CLUB TRIPS

For information and reservations on any of the following trips. please call Loretta @ 413-592-7350, Stacy @ 413-593-1172, or Dianne @ 413-214-3822.

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Please note: The upcoming Cruising Gloucester Harbor and Edwards Twins trips have been canceled.

UNCHAINED MELODY: Tuesday, September 22, 2020. starring Jimmy Russo & The Chords, dynamic entertainment at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, CT. Family style meal with chicken parmesan, roast pork, pasta with homemade sauce, potato, vegetable, dessert, soda & coffee. Carafes of red & white wine on every table. Cost: \$93 pp. \$25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due August 14, 2020.

A BOB HOPE USO STYLE TRIBUTE: Thursday, November 12, 2020, featuring Bill Johnson and Holly Faris. at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, CT. A tribute to America's Veterans. Family style meal: salad, pasta, roast turkey with gravy and sliced toast beef with gravy, roasted potato, vegetable, dessert, soda & coffee. Carafes of Red and white wine on every table. Cost \$ 94 pp. \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due October 2, 2020.

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Thursday, June 4, 2020 – Daily Mass – 7:30am – (C) Friday, June 5, 2020 – Daily Mass – 7:30 am - (C) Saturday, June 6, 2020 – Mass – 4:00pm – (C) Sunday, June 7, 2020 – Mass – 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am, 5:00pm- (C)

Monday, June 8, 2020 – Daily Mass – 7:30am – (C) Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Daily Mass – 7:30am – (C)

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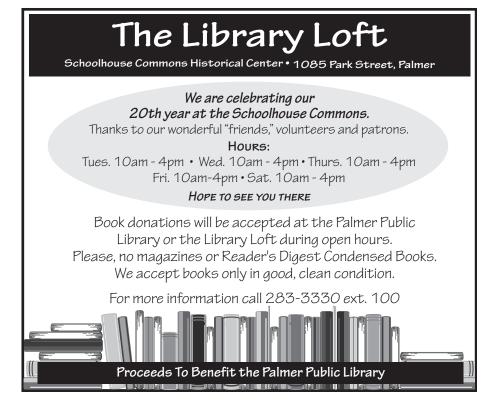
## AAA Pioneer Valley open as of June 1st; services by appointment only

REGION -AAA Pioneer Valley has reopened all six branch offices as of Monday, June 1st, following strict social distancing procedures and CDC guidelines for the protection and benefit of employees and AAA members.

Registry of Motor Vehicles services will be available by appointment only, to AAA members, who can reserve a time online up to two weeks in advance of service. AAA membership, insurance, travel and financial services will be available, either in person, by phone or through a virtual meeting. AAA encourages appointments for all services as there will be a strict limit on how many members can be in the offices at a given time. Appointments can be made by visiting www.AAA. com/appointments today.

"In strict adherence to the Governor's guidance, we are pleased to be reopening offices in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin county with the goal of helping and serving during this challenging time," said Chris Mensing, AAA Pioneer Valley President and CEO. "We're also eager to resume Registry of Motor Vehicle services, though they will be by appointment moving forward for added AAA Member convenience," he added. AAA's 24-hour Emergency Roadside Assistance has been and continues to be available throughout the entirety of the COVID-19 shutdown.

AAA Pioneer Valley full-service branches are in Greenfield, Hadley, Springfield and West Springfield. Insurance only services are available in Chicopee and Westfield. Clients and AAA Members should visit www.AAA.com/appointments to make an appointment in advance. Office hours have changed and are now Monday - Friday from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.











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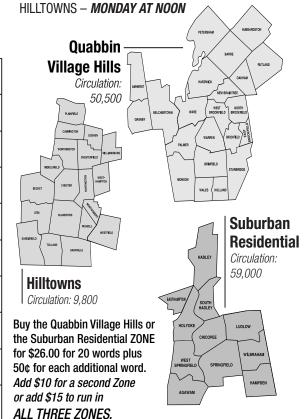
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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Donna Quesnel of Ludlow MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Donna Quesnel** of Ludlow MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administra-

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **06/18/2020**.

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Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the twenty-ninth day of May two thousand and twenty.

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## Baystate Health seeking plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients

Need is still great for whole blood donations, too, as pandemic continues

SPRINGFIELD - Actor Tom Hanks has done it. So has his wife Rita Wilson, Several NBA players, too, and now singer Andrea Bocelli.

They have all donated convalescent plasma to help in the fight against COVID-19. Now, you may be able to donate your convalescent plasma locally at Baystate Medical Center.

"Baystate is pleased to announce the initiation of a new aspect to its Blood Donor Center operations joining with hospitals nationwide in seeking plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients. This new program initiative, termed 'Hemotherapy Heroes,' recognizes the important role these patient donors play in treatment efforts to combat the pandemic. Their plasma may help save the life of someone fighting desperately to recover from this deadly novel coronavirus infection" said Chester Andrzejewski, Ph.D., M.D., medical director of System Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine Services a Baystate Health.

Over 130 patient donors, who have recovered from their COVID-19 viral illness, have already reached out to Baystate's Blood Donor Center to donate their convalescent plasma.

"The desire to help others after recovering from this debilitating virus is very important to these patient donors and their compassion in the face of their recent, sometimes severe illness, is very gratifying to see," said Lynne O'Hearn, transfusion safety officer, Baystate Health.

Convalescent plasma is the liquid part of blood that is collected from patients who have recovered from the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 patients develop antibodies in the blood against the virus. Antibodies are proteins that might help fight

the infection. Convalescent plasma is being investigated for the treatment of COVID-19 because there is no approved treatment for the disease, and there is information that suggests it might help some patients recover from COVID-19.

If you have had COVID-19 and are fully recovered, you may be able to help save the lives of other COVID-19 patients by donating your plasma. Your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies helped your immune system to defeat the virus when you were sick, which means that your plasma may be able to help others who are now infected with the disease.

To qualify, you must meet the following current require-

- You must be able to meet routine blood donation eligibility requirements
- You must have a prior COVID-19 diagnosis documented by a laboratory test
- You must be fully recovered for at least 28 days

• You must be willing to authorize Baystate Health access to your medical record for the purpose of determining your eligibility for COVID-19 convalescent plasma donation.

Those who meet the requirements and want to donate their plasma can fill out a plasma donation data form at

https://www.baystatehealth. org/services/blood-donor/ covid19-plasma to begin the evaluation process.

you haven't COVID-19 and still want to help, you can consider donating

A single whole blood donation at Baystate Medical Center can save up to two lives. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges to the U.S. blood supply. Donor centers have experienced a dramatic reduction in donations due to the implementation of social distancing and the cancellation of blood drives. Blood is needed every day to provide lifesaving treatments to patients with a variety of medical and

surgical conditions. "We are grateful to everyone who has shown up to donate blood at our Blood Donor Center during the COVID-19 pandemic, and can't stress enough the continued need for blood and platelet donations even as shelter-in-place restrictions are slowly being lifted in the community, said Amy Khalil, Baystate Health's blood

donor recruiter. During the pandemic crisis, Baystate Health has relocated its blood donation operations to 361 Whitney Ave. in Holyoke.

The Blood Donor Center is open daily: Monday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are given priority and can be made by calling 413-794-4600. However, platelet donations at Whitney Avenue are scheduled by appointment only.

Those donating whole blood must be in good health, be at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Per the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), whole blood donors should refrain from blood donations for 14 days if you have had any symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive diagnostic test (nasal swab test) for COVID-19.

Additional protocols implemented during the coronavirus pandemic for the safety and health of our blood donors include:

- Prescreening donors prior to their entering the Blood Donor Center
- · Extra precautionary cleaning of equipment and workspaces
- Increased physical distancing between donors to comply with social distancing and group gathering restrictions.

For more information, contact the Baystate Health Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600 with questions or to make an appointment, or visit the Blood Donor Program on the

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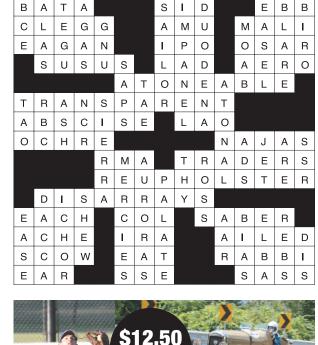
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